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Educational Support



for Myanmar Adults

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INTRODUCING EDUCASIA...

Educasia provides context-appropriate teaching materials and other assistance to adult education programmes throughout Asia, focusing on non-formal groups working for community development. The support we provide in Myanmar is designed specially for the Myanmar context.

Materials

We develop materials for English language teaching, science, maths and social sciences. Most of our current English language teaching materials are for pre-intermediate to intermediate learners, but we now have some for lower levels as well, and we are working on more.

Materials for other subjects are written in simplified English (mostly around intermediate level), and many social science modules have been translated into Myanmar. We do everything we can to make our materials easy to use for all teachers, not just experienced professionals.

Printed copies of Educasia materials are available at our Yangon office (Room 705, International YMCA, 263 Mahabandoola Road, Botataung Township) and most can be downloaded for free at <http://educasia.org>. We also have a small but high-quality lending library containing some of the better commercially-published material.

Teacher Training

Educasia runs free teacher training workshops, mostly between one and ten days, tailored to the needs of the participants. Past workshops include: *Effective Use of Educasia Materials*, *Introduction to Teaching Skills*, *Using Activities in the Classroom*, and *Assessing Students' Progress*.

Curriculum Advice

Educasia can advise programmes free of charge on aspects of curriculum development, such as needs assessments, building frameworks, syllabus design, selecting materials, setting up effective libraries, monitoring students' progress and course evaluation.

Please get in touch to request materials, discuss your training and curriculum needs, or visit our library.

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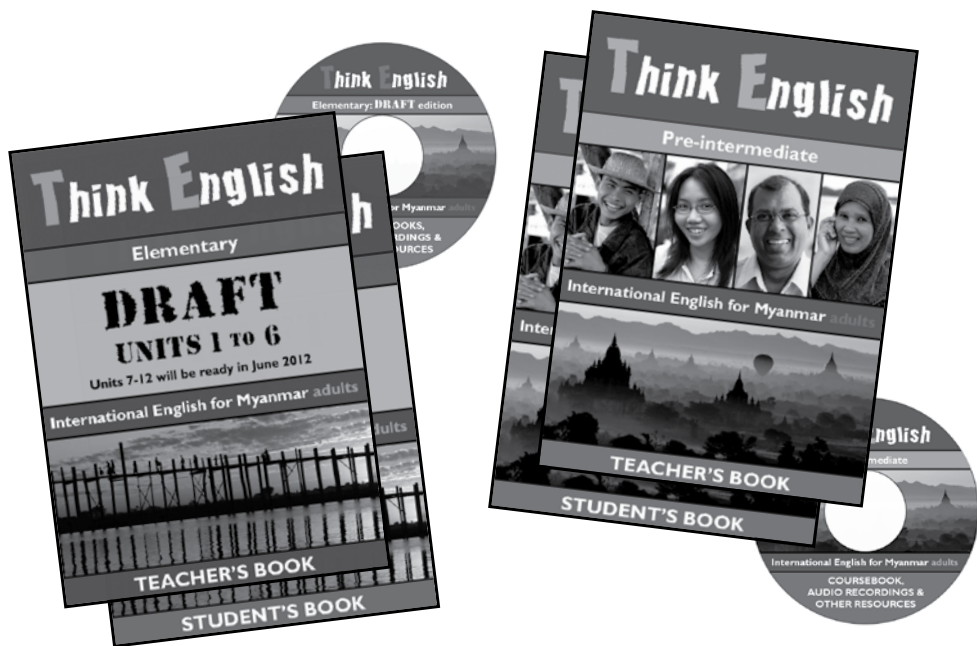
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

Think English Elementary and Pre-intermediate

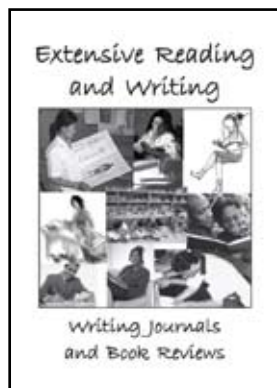
Think English is a general English series for Myanmar adults. Currently two courses are available: *Pre-intermediate*, and a draft edition of *Elementary Units 1-6*, including all essential components.

Think English follows a format and structural syllabus similar to other four-skills courses. However, it is more...

- **context-appropriate:** it focuses on the language Myanmar people need to communicate in international situations.
- **easy to understand:** it doesn't assume prior knowledge of other cultures or specialist terminology.
- **easy to use:** the instructions are clear, and lessons don't require a lot of equipment.
- **comprehensive:** there is more practice, revision and testing than in most other coursebooks.
- **mature:** *Think English* is designed to broaden students' knowledge of the world and develop thinking skills.



Extensive Reading and Writing

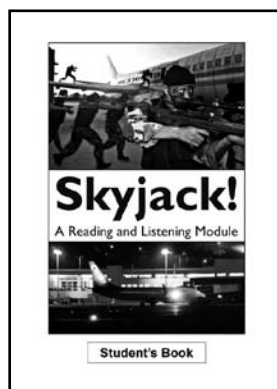
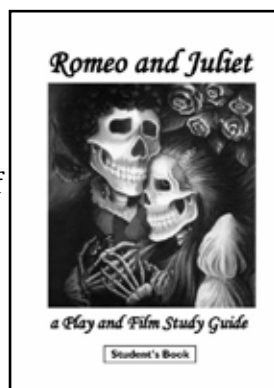


This short module introduces extensive reading (book reviews) and writing (journals). It is suitable for high elementary to low intermediate level students, and takes approximately 10-15 classroom hours.

Romeo and Juliet: A Play and Film Study Guide

This looks at William Shakespeare's famous

play about unfortunate young lovers from rival families. It contains a simplified English version of the play and the 1996 film, with comprehension and extension activities to accompany them, and suggestions for classes who want to perform the play. This module is suitable for students with pre-intermediate or intermediate English.



Skyjack! A Reading and Listening Module

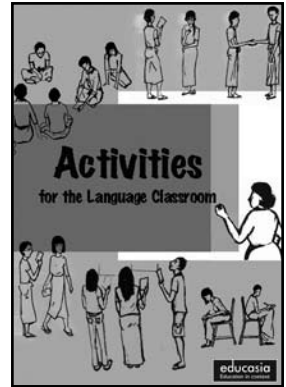
Skyjack! is an exciting story following events surrounding a hijacking of a plane. Written in pre-intermediate English with an accompanying audio CD, students can read and listen, and then do the comprehension and extension exercises.

Persuasive Writing (coming soon)

This intermediate level course looks at how language is used to influence people's opinions. It focuses on some structures commonly used in persuasive writing, quality of arguments, and the skills of drafting, editing and proofreading. It is useful for people who need to write reports, proposals or opinion-based articles and essays.

Activities for the Language Classroom

This contains over 100 simple, low-resource language teaching activities that have been successfully used by teachers in Myanmar. They are divided into categories according to the skills they focus on and the stage of lesson in which they can be used. In addition, the appendix gives advice on how to adapt activities, explains some teaching techniques, and provides a glossary of useful teaching terminology.



World of Knowledge

This fun and informative board game contains over 600 general knowledge questions on a variety of topics, including English language, culture, history, geography, science and maths. Although the content is wide-ranging, there is a focus across all categories on Myanmar and Southeast Asia. It can be played successfully by adults with elementary or higher English.



Under Development

Animal Farm Study Guide (upper-intermediate)

Planet Earth Study Guide (intermediate)

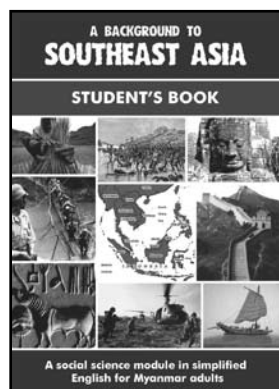
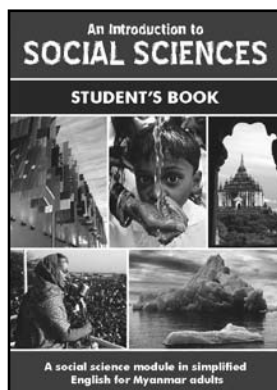
Think English Beginner

Think English Intermediate

SOCIAL SCIENCES

An Introduction to Social Sciences

An introduction to the basic ideas and skills behind the study of development, economics, geography and other social sciences, with case studies from throughout Asia. The English version of this module is written in approximately pre-intermediate English. A new edition should be ready in late 2011.



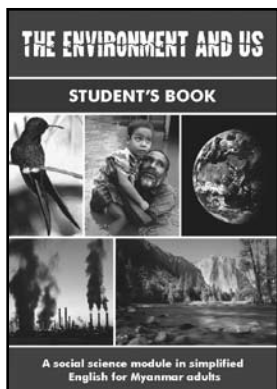
A Background to Southeast Asia (coming soon)

This module follows on from *An Introduction to Social Sciences*, with a more explicit regional focus. Students study early cultures, the influence of India and China, European expansion, colonialism and independence, and look at some of the problems faced by newly independent nations. The 2011 edition includes a new section

on ASEAN and modern Southeast Asia. The English level is high pre-intermediate to intermediate.

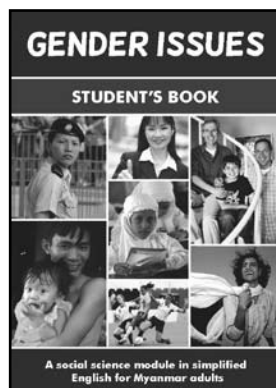
The Environment and Us

This module looks at the interaction between people and the environment on a local, regional and global level. It takes a problem-solving approach, examining solutions to environmental challenges such as deforestation and water shortage, and the October 2010 edition includes a fully revised chapter on climate change. The English is mostly high pre-intermediate.



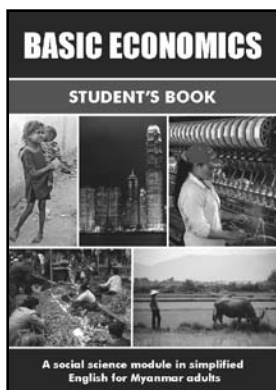
Gender Issues

This module was written over a period of several years by both men and women. It provides a perspective on gender roles at work, in religion, politics, education and family, and includes a chapter on gender-based violence. The English is mostly high pre-intermediate to intermediate.



Kingdoms, Colonialism and Independence

This module looks at Myanmar's past from pre-history to 1947. It takes a reflective approach: presenting historical events from a number of viewpoints and directing learners to evaluate sources, compare experiences and formulate their own conclusions. It is written in approximately intermediate English.



Basic Economics

This course is designed to give learners basic economic literacy. It covers introductory economic theory as well as more complex themes such as economic systems and globalisation. It places a strong emphasis on analytical thinking, asking learners to apply new knowledge to their own situations and communities. The English is mostly intermediate.

Global Conflict

This comprehensive, higher level module was written in 2004 – an update is planned. It looks at the contemporary international political situation: the War on Terror, the situation in the Middle East, and background material on the Cold War. It requires a lot of independent reading by students, and the English version is most suitable for students with strong intermediate to upper-intermediate English.

MOVIE MODULES

Movie modules can be used to teach English language and social issues. They include a DVD of the movie, teacher's notes and photocopiable student's worksheets containing background information, a plot summary, and exercises to help understand the language and issues raised in the film. They are suitable for students with at least a low intermediate level of English.



Bend it Like Beckham

Hotel Rwanda

The Killing Fields

Whale Rider

The Pianist

Gandhi

Catch a Fire

Grave of the Fireflies

Mulan

Rabbit-Proof Fence

OTHER SUBJECTS

We are currently working on materials for other subjects. Usable drafts of four maths modules are available in PDF format:

Mathematics 1: Numbers

Mathematics 2: Algebra

Mathematics 3: Statistics

Mathematics 4: Geometry and Trigonometry

The following should be ready in late 2011 or early 2012.

Teaching Skills

Public Health

Project Management

Practical Science Activities